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After a two-year break, the United States Embassy in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, is back on stream with College Fair 2006, scheduled for October 21 and 22. We sincerely regret the lapse period, as much disappointment has been expressed by many of our regular participating colleges, who appreciate the high standard of the event, and the number and caliber of students, which it always attracts. Our visitors usually number around 2,000 students, parents, teachers, guidance counselors and other interested persons over the two-day period.

Some of you may recall the following complimentary remarks of past participants.

- "It's one of the best fairs and most organized I have ever attended"
- "Excellent! Couldn't be better"
- "Awesome turn out
- "Awesome quality of students. Awesome organization"
- "Amazing! Well organized, quality students"
- "What an incredible college fair!!"
- "Wonderful quantity and quality of students and parents"

As with our previous fair, this year's event will be held on a weekend to avoid the problem of the reluctance of high schools principals to release their students from classes.

The venue for College Fair 2006 will be the new Marriott Courtyard in Port of Spain. The rates per room, per night, inclusive of taxes (21%), based on single or double occupancy, are as follows:

US\$175.45 - including buffet breakfast for two persons
US\$145.20 - excluding breakfast

These rates are subject to availability and also subject to a slight change without notice.

The Courtyard is a new hotel, so it is in pristine condition and the staff is very friendly and accommodating. Its location next to the Movie Towne Shopping and Entertainment Centre will enhance your visit, offering a unique blend of entertainment, shopping and convenience.

When making your room reservations, please refer to College Fair 2006 and give the name of your institution to ensure that you receive the special rates. Contact may be made with the hotel as follows:

Marriott Courtyard
Invader's Bay
Audrey Jeffers Highway
Port of Spain
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
Tel: (868) 627-5555
Fax: (868) 627-6317
E-mail: kristy.johncilla@courtyard.com
www.marriott.com

All college representatives should make their own travel arrangements, and arrive in time to register on Friday, October 20. Representatives must sign in and set up their display tables from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Unfortunately, there will be no welcome reception this year.

The daily schedule for College Fair 2006 will be 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The distance from Piarco International Airport to the Courtyard is about 18 miles. Taxis are readily available at the airport and the fare is approximately US\$25.00 (8:00 am - 10:00 p.m.) and US\$30.00 (10:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.). The rates are posted at the Customs exit and should be confirmed before the taxi leaves. There is also a departure tax of approximately US\$17.00 upon leaving the country.

Regrettably, the registration deadline has been brought forward to July 19. The Courtyard is not a large hotel, so we must limit the number of participating institutions to forty (40) and only American universities and colleges are invited. The participation fee is **US\$400.00**, which will entitle you to an individual table in the exhibition room and two (2) coffee breaks per day.

If you wish to send your materials in advance, you should use a courier service; DHL, Federal Express, UPS and IBC are in operation here. We have been ensured of the safekeeping of your packages by our warehouse for up to one week before the event. All packages should be addressed as follows, with the name of your institution clearly displayed:

College Fair 2006
Information Resource Center
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Tel: (868) 622-5979

Please send us details of your shipment in advance so that we may facilitate its entry through Customs. We will also need to know of any equipment and material which you may be bringing with you so that we may approach Customs in this regard also.

Please contact the hotel directly in advance for all your electronic needs. An audio-visual rental price list will be made available by the hotel upon request.

In the event that you are interested in visiting high schools during your stay here, you may contact the following couple, who will make the necessary arrangements for you at a reasonable cost:

Anthony and Feroza Nagassar
Tel: (868) 637-4006
Cell: (868) 681 5412
E-mail: ftanagassar@trinidad.net

A profile on your institution will be included in the program for the Fair and should be e-mailed to us. All entries should be simple and uniform, and in order to facilitate this, we are attaching a sample of a profile, which we would appreciate your using as a guideline.

Events such as these always prove to be an excellent forum for personal interaction with students and an effective recruitment exercise. We assure you that you will find the majority of the students to be self-disciplined, highly motivated, academically advanced, and, most importantly, very eager to pursue their university education in the United States. Unfortunately, however, a great number of them are unaware of the diversity of the programs offered.

Being a member of the British Commonwealth, this twin-island state is English-speaking, and the educational system is British-based.

Radhika Gobin (gobinr@state.gov) and **Joy Sandza (sandzajl@state.gov)** are your contacts at this end, and they look forward to hearing from you soon to ensure that you do not miss out on this ideal recruiting opportunity. **Please send us your response by e-mail to facilitate communication.** You may also source further information from the following person:

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We hope that you will join our team and share in our enthusiasm. Rest assured that we are making every effort to ensure not only a very successful College Fair 2006, but also an enjoyable stay for all of our visitors, as the satisfaction of participating institutions is of the utmost importance to us.